

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks for the memories. It's hard to believe that my two year term is almost over. It's been a great time to be a coin collector. The CWNA is at it's largest membership in years, and also as financially sound as in recent memory. The CWNA has been successful in many of it's goals. To reach out and embrace as many collectors and clubs as possible has been one of my personal goals. Well, I've been to the majority of clubs in Colorado, but not all. Even as my term expires, I still will attend meetings whenever possible. A good buddy here in Colorado Springs is trying to golf every course in Colorado, while I'm trying to attend every coin club. I think I'll finish first!

Financially the CWNA is strong, thanks to a fantastic "pre-show" prior to the ANA convention, where we sold out the show and made a bundle for the CWNA and CWNA member clubs. We've still have some bills to pay so be patient about the dispersal of funds to the different clubs. Also, thanks to the show, membership is way up. We hope that many of the people who joined the CWNA in the last year will stick with us for awhile longer and see what we have to offer. We will try to offer more educational opportunities for numismatists of all kinds, from the novice to the advanced. We encourage everyone to share their knowledge and love of numismatics with others who are eager to listen and learn. This can be accomplished by either writing an article for this publication [*an excellent idea, ed.*] or your local newsletter, or just give a talk on your favorite numismatic subject at a local meeting or an upcoming CWNA meeting. Sharing knowledge is the key.

I just wish that we could have an ANA convention in Colorado every year! It was the event of a lifetime. I hope that all of our members were able to catch at least some of the activities. There were almost too many things to do! [*I told you so, ed.*]. I was only able to take in some of the events, and missed some of the meetings and talks that I really wanted and planned on attending. I also know that many of the volunteers also sacrificed their time and missed many events in order to make the show run as smoothly as it did. It couldn't have been possible without the super people involved. I would like to thank all of the chairpersons involved in both shows. It was unbelievable that everything worked as well as it did.

First thanks, to **Chuck Wishon** who was really the "main man" behind the scene. you were a great assistant chairman and a real life saver, you never lost your cool even when things were boiling. I can't express how much of a stable force you were in keeping the show (and me) running. Thanks to **Francis Toften** who guided the banquet, a fantastic finish to a super show. You put up with dealers and exhibitors alike in the most professional manner imaginable. The pre-registration chair is often an overlooked position, but you made it look easy. From the beginning to the end, you did a great job. Thanks to **Chriss Hoffman**, who undoubtedly had the most difficult job of all of us. Being the Young Numismatist Chairman and pages Chairman is not something I would wish on my worst enemies, but you really seemed to enjoy and excel at it. You not only kept them busy, but kept up with all the kids and kept track of the pages. It's a job for the most dedicated of volunteers and for the most special of individuals.

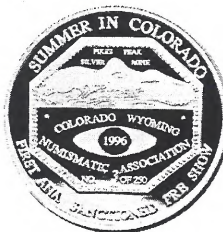
Thanks also goes to an Education Chairman who planned everything so well, that nothing could possibly go wrong. **Dick Goudie**, you set the standard for all Education Chairman to come. The Numismatic Theatre went so well everyone thought it was being run by a dozen people. It was the most well attended Numismatic Theatre in the ANA's history, thanks to YOU. A huge thanks goes to the Exhibit Chairman, **Larry Johnson**. You made the exhibit area come alive!. It became a focal point of the convention. Your countless hours of planning and actually getting the people to come to Denver and show and explain their exhibits was phenomenal. It became the first "interactive"

exhibit area in numismatic history. Getting everything from a real gold panner to an actual mint, and getting the exhibitors to stay and talk to interested collectors was nothing short of a miracle. The registration Co-Chairpersons came all the way from the Arkansas Valley to get trapped in a kiosk and be bombarded with questions for 12 hours a day. Thanks to **Bill and Carol McCurdy** who are the most dedicated couple I know. You gave the first impression to all the visitors and it was a great first impression. Your friendly faces and easy going ways really made all the conventioners feel welcome. You made the busiest part of the show look the easiest, you never panicked even when you didn't have enough help. Thanks again!

Of course, I can't thank **Jerry Morgan** enough for running the CWNA's "pre-show" with the skill of a seasoned veteran. This one was for all the members of the CWNA. The planning and the set-up was enough to drive most people insane, but Jerry kept his cool, even when the hotel called to tell him the room was already occupied. With a bunch of dedicated volunteers, the show went on, with hardly a bump. Thanks, Jerry! I haven't forgotten all the rest of the CWNA helpers and volunteers. I just don't have enough room [*and I'm tired of typing, ed.*]. The list keeps going and going. Thanks to everyone up and down the Front range (and one all the way from Tennessee) for making this the best two weeks of numismatics ever. These will be the conventions everyone will compare future shows against. Everyone involved should be extremely proud of what we accomplished. By being involved I hope you got even more out of the experience than just attending another show. We did it! Thanks again to everyone who helped make this summer successful. Let's keep it going in the CWNA.

Tom Hallenbeck, President CWNA.

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CWNA MEDAL

There are still some beautiful CWNA medals available. These medals were struck to commemorate the CWNA show and show a beautiful view of Pike's Peak. They are 38 1/2 mm, 1 troy oz of .999 fine silver. All are numbered and only 250 pieces were struck. Thanks to **Rita Rosenblum** for the beautiful scan of the above medal.

CWNA members can receive one by sending \$16.95 plus \$2 for shipping and handling to Ken Hallenbeck Coin Galleries, 711 N. Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs CO 80903. Non members must pay \$19.95 each, plus the shipping. For more information you can call 719-634-3313.

MINUTES CWNA MEETING, JULY 13, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 12:39 PM by president Tom Hallenbeck at the Colorado Springs City Auditorium. 10 people were in attendance. Once Ricky Walsh arrived at 1:05 PM all Officers and Board Members were represented. Al Muklebus was not in attendance but was represented through proxy by Jerry Morgan. Alan Nye was not present at the meeting but was available at the Coin Show in the next room in the event his vote was needed to break a tie.

The minutes of the previous Feb. 10 annual meeting were approved as published in the Summer 1996 newsletter. No Treasurers Report was given due to the impending ANA Pre-Show and the related finances.

Tom Hallenbeck discussed the Show Medal to be sold through Ken Hallenbeck Coin Gallery. Chuck Wishon made a motion that the people who assisted in the computer imaging be given two free medals for their efforts. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Jerry Morgan, show Chairman, gave a brief update on the impending ANA Pre-Show. A lengthy spirited discussion followed. No Board approval was needed as the Show Committee had been given authority to manage all details related to the show.

Chuck Wishon made a motion that the CWNA, as the host club for the ANA's 105th Anniversary Convention, donate money towards refreshments for the Hospitality Room. Jerry Morgan amended the motion to limit the expenditure to \$500. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Jerry Morgan clarified the nomination procedure for the upcoming election of officers. Prospective candidates are to contact the Election Committee of Allen Nye and/or Don Pacheco. Larry Johnson presented a program on **Bryan Money**.

Jerry Morgan recommended that candidates for office prepare a brief Biography/Qualification to be published in conjunction with the ballot to assist members in their voting selections. [See below, ed.]. Andy Breakey made the motion. Seconded and passed unanimously. Andy Breakey made a motion to adjourn. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Prepared by Jerry Morgan, Secretary/Treasurer, September 19, 1996.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the CWNA will be held on Sunday **January 19th, 1997** 3:00 PM at COCO's Family Restaurant, 2850 S. Havana in Aurora. The meeting will start with the last "Old Business" of the current board. This will consist of voting on approval of changes in the by-laws of the CWNA as approved by a special board meeting held on September 22nd. The special board meeting was called for the purpose of updating the CWNA by-laws. The amendments approved by the board at this meeting are subject to final approval at the annual meeting for all those members in attendance. Following this, will be the installation of the new board and any new business. We will then eat, drink and be merry. All members of the CWNA and their families are invited to attend. Call Chuck at 303-696-6990 or Tom at 719-634-3313 if you need more information. See you there.

NOTES FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR

We begin our message with some sad news. Many long time Colorado collectors are familiar with Syd Joseph, a collector of transportation tokens and photographer extraordinaire. Syd was one of the true gentlemen of our hobby. Syd passed away in July and his wife, Lucy, died during the last few days of October. Our condolences also to ex-CWNA president George Van Trump on the recent loss of his mother. Also passing from the scene early in October was long time foreign coin dealer Fred Werner. Those of us who have been in this hobby for more than a few years know that the greatest benefit we receive is the friends we make. We'll miss them all. Our condolences to all the families.

Tom's Presidential message thanked some of those who helped make

the ANA convention such a huge success. I want to add to my two cents. Many of the out of state (and out of country) dealers who I spoke with were complaining long before the show that Denver was a hick town in the middle of nowhere and it would be a lousy show.

After the show, all I heard was, "it was a great show". "I couldn't believe how many real collector's I met" and "Wow, Colorado's a great place to live". Well we all knew that.

Our own Chester West began a 6 part series on security for the dealer and the collector in the November 5th issue of *Numismatic News*. Beg, borrow or steal (that's probably the wrong term to use for a security column) a copy. Actually Chet, Cliff and all the gang up in Iola would probably rather you subscribe. Security is among our top concerns (or should be) and no matter how long you have been a collector or dealer you have to be ever vigilant. I should know as I recently got stung by a credit card scam.

Later in this newsletter we begin what we hope will be a regular feature of this Newsletter, a Book Review. Our initial review is on two new ancient coin books. Frankly, we know that most of you collect U.S. material, however, we can only review what we have. We had hoped to have a copy of a new book on US paper for review purposes, but unless it arrives today, it will have to wait. So publishers, please send us a copy for review purposes, or better yet, somebody write a review and we'll publish it. (And if you send it to us on a Mac compatible 3 1/2 x 3 1/2 disk we'll be forever grateful.) We also need articles for future Newsletters.

On the subject of future Newsletters, I may be getting ahead of myself because I presume the position of editor is at the discretion of the new Board. I am more than happy to continue to fulfill this position until you're tired of me, but I need your help. Send me your articles, book reviews, photos, stories, etc. I would certainly like to see us put out this Newsletter on a set schedule. The candidates are all promising a new and growing CWNA. I hope that our Newsletter can grow with it, including getting a real name and more. Contact your editor or a Board member with your ideas.

Elsewhere in the Newsletter you will find a ballot for you to vote for a new Board. While the nominating committee has come up with a fine slate of candidates you will also find room for write in candidates. Please take the time to fill in your ballot and vote. **For your vote to count, it must be sent in the enclosed envelope.** And after voting, please take the time to attend the annual CWNA meeting on January 19th, 1997. If you don't like what CWNA is doing you can complain, but that won't change things. What will change things (if that's what you want) is for you to get involved.

Hopefully you will receive this Newsletter before November 8th. If so, please make plans to attend the Denver Coin Exposition at the Hall of Education at the National Western Complex. While all of us dealers would like you to come and spend many thousands of dollars at each of our tables, there is another important reason to attend. On Saturday November 9th at 4 PM there will be an auction sponsored by the **Colorado Professional Numismatic Association (CPNA)** to raise money to help pass a law exempting coins and bullion from State Sales Tax. This will be a no tax, no minimum, totally unreserved auction for a very good cause. Please try to attend.

Rumors are afloat that the Denver area may again be home to a monthly or quarterly show. We hope so....The "high" that so many collectors and dealers felt after the ANA continues...So many people were not only turned on by the millions of dollars of rare coins seen on the Bourse Floor, but also by the great exhibits and the numerous educational programs and meetings... And of course many of the speakers were CWNA members...At least one speaker literally got out of the hospital to speak. George Fisher spoke at one meeting on Thursday morning, had an allergic reaction to medication that afternoon and was taken to the hospital via ambulance. Two days later George was back to speak at another meeting. Atta boy, George and we're all glad you OK.

Please keep me informed as to what's happening in your club.

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NOMINEES FOR CWNA BOARD

The nominating committee has selected the following slate for consideration to be selected to the new CWNA Board. The qualifications and platform positions etc., are all in the nominees own words. Your editor has just corrected spelling and grammar mistakes (hopefully). We have listed the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer first, followed by the nominees for the Board of Directors in alphabetical order. Remember there is space on the ballot for write in candidates for all positions. In anticipation of the approval of the new By-Laws there will be an additional member of the Board of Directors, so write in candidates are encouraged. **And all ballots must be returned in the enclosed envelope and must be received by December 16th.**

CHUCK WISHON, PRESIDENT. Hello fellow CWNA members. I am a board member and also was Assistant Show Chairman of this summer's Pre-Show. As we all know, it is time to start thinking of electing new officers. We have had some new blood leading us through the last year. Most of the energy has been focused towards putting on this huge show. (Thank you Jerry Morgan).

Now is the time to look at our by-laws for a new direction for our club. Section 2 of our by-laws reads: *The object of this association shall be to promote the advancement and knowledge of numismatics within the areas of education, artistic, historical and scientific fields. To promote a spirit of cooperation and fraternal relationship through regular meetings of the association, interchange of ideas, numismatic exhibits, educational forums and any other activities deemed appropriate by the board or membership.*

It is with these words in mind that I wish to seek your support and ideas as to the future of the CWNA. I would consider running for the office of President if these goals as stated in our by-laws were also shared by all of the members.

It is also imperative that we decide what this organization is going to do with the revenue received from the pre-show. It is my opinion that we try to get as many YN's into coin collecting as possible. They are the future of the CWNA. This can be done through the schools, YMCA, YWCA and scouting organizations. We need to have regular meetings, even if just quarterly. Exhibits must be displayed at area libraries and any local coin shows. I would also like to offer scholarships to the ANA Summer Seminar for outstanding individuals who have grown in the field of numismatics.

I would be willing to help these by-laws of the CWNA become a reality. But, these goals must be backed by a Board who shares the same desires that I do. **I will not attempt this on my own.** There are many members with leadership qualities, numismatic knowledge and the time to bring this club back to life.

Please feel free to contact me at Collector Coin Exchange 1930 S. Havana St. #4 Aurora CO or call 303-696-6990 during the day. My home number is 303-341-2476, FAX 303-341-6334.

TIM MARTIN, VICE PRESIDENT I am Tim Martin, and I have been asked to run for the office of vice-president of the CWNA. Before accepting such a request, I obtained a copy of the By-laws of the CWNA to compare the associations goals for the hobby with my own.

These By-laws basically state the object of the CWNA to be the advancement of knowledge of numismatics, the spirit of cooperation of its members and the interchange among the member clubs of ideas, exhibits and educational forums. I find agreement with these objects since, if followed, they lead to greater fulfillment for all involved in our hobby.

Election as an officer of the CWNA means a commitment to further these stated goals, although it takes commitment not only from the officers, but also from the clubs and individual members in our region. Only then will the goals become reality. I believe we can work together to strengthen our hobby at the local and regional level, arrange programs and exhibits for schools and other community organizations and support one another by communication. In other words, to become more visible—for it is through visibility that our member clubs and the hobby may grow.

The CWNA is ideally situated to coordinate these activities. The recent success of the ANA Convention has focused attention on the interest in numismatics existing in our region. The bustling activity at the pre-show in Denver (sponsored by the CWNA) surprised dealers from afar who had never thought of this area as a vibrant market—as it turned out to be! This came about as a result of the assistance and participation of many individual volunteers of the CWNA member clubs.

The success of the pre-ANA show has given the recently revived CWNA and its member clubs the financial resources to further the hobby and the goals of the CWNA. I would like to see this happen and am willing to contribute effort to that end.

I first became an avid coin collector in my youth during the 1960's, but became

active again about five years ago following some years of inactivity in the hobby (that makes me about 45). I am a member of the CWNA, the ANA and the Denver Coin Club. My coin collecting interest focuses on coins of the American Colonies, although I maintain an interest in all areas of collecting. Professionally, I am an intellectual property attorney which means I concentrate on patents for inventions, on copyrights, on trademarks and on related fields of law.

JERRY MORGAN, SECRETARY/TREASURER. CWNA member since 1981. Past President & Board Member.

Conceived the August 8-11, 1996 Pre-ANA Coin Show 4 1/2 years ago while President and developed it as Show Chairman over the past 2 years. The event was highly successful and represents a significant contribution to the numismatic community.

I believe it is my responsibility to retain the office of Secretary/ Treasurer to ensure our newly acquired funds are applied judiciously toward attaining the goals outline in the CWNA By-Laws.

Qualifications: *Education -- MBA University of Montana (took extra accounting courses including Income Tax). *Numismatically & Managerially Knowledgeable *14 year Experience as a Coin Show Planner *No Criminal Record.

ANDY BREAKKEY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS. I wish to present my qualifications to serve as a member of the board of directors of the CWNA. I am currently in the position of vice-president of the CWNA and would like to run for the presidency; but I am prevented from doing so by my work schedule. I feel that I would not be able to devote the time to the position which it needs. Since I still wish to be active in the affairs of the CWNA, I wish to run for membership on the Board of Directors.

I am a member of both the Colorado Springs Numismatic Society and the Colorado Springs Coin Club as well as the ANA and the CWNA. I served as president of the CSNS for two years. I have just recently been elected as General Chairman of the Joint Committee to manage the coin show sponsored by the CSNS and CSCC, which is timed annually to take place the weekend before the ANA Summer Seminar in our city.

I am a twenty one year retired Air Force NCO with 35 years experience in the data processing career field. I hold a AA degree in Data Processing and a BS/BA in Management from the University of Southern Colorado. My aim, if elected, is to do my best to promote numismatics along the Front Range.

ALEEN E. NYE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Age:54, Retired US Army (21 Months in Republic of Viet-Nam).

Numismatic Service: Past President: CWNA, Ft. Ord Coin Club (CA), Schofield/Wheeler Coin Club (Hawaii), Barbers Point Coin Club (Hawaii), Colorado Springs Coin Club, Colorado Springs Numismatic Association. 2nd Vice President: Hawaii State Numismatic Association. District Rep: ANA, Board Member of CWNA since 1986, Vest Pocket Dealer for over 26 years. Life Member: ANA, CWNA, TAMS, ATCO, Member: VFW (LM), MCC (LM, Past Seam Squirel), VFW (Past Post Commander and Current Post and District QM (Treasurer)).

Platform: After seeing this association almost go out of existence thru lack of membership and money. I wish to serve another term on the Board to insure that the money we have received from the Pre-Show is spent wisely, so that the growth of the CWNA continues.

DENNIS POLLY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Hello! My name is Dennis Polly. I am running for the CWNA Board. I am 47 years old and married to my beautiful and wonderful wife, Joni.

I have been involved with coins since I was 10 years old and dealing coins off and on since I was 26 years old. I am a member of the ANA, the American Vecturist Association (AVA), CWNA, Combined Organizations of Numismatic Error Collectors of America (CONECA), Denver Coin Club, Front Range Coin Club, Iowa Numismatic Assn, Original Hobo Nickel Society and TAMS.

If elected, I will strive to further the advancement and knowledge of numismatics in Colorado and Wyoming. Thank you for your time and consideration.

DAVID R. SWEARINGEN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Colorado Springs. Retired Retail Store Manager. Interests: Civil War Tokens, Colonial Coins, Scottish Communion Tokens. Member: ANA, TAMS, CWTs, CWNA, Colorado Springs Coin Club (2nd VP). Resident of Colorado Springs for 40 years.

PLATFORM: To further the hobby through more publicity and more exposure in the school system. We must attract the young collector to the keep the hobby alive.

COLORED-BOYOMING COIN CLUBS

ARKANSAS VALLEY COIN CLUB

Date/Time: 1st Tuesday of each month, Doors open 7:30, meeting starts at 8 PM
Place: Girch Center Community Room
Contact: Herman Boraker 408 S. Main St. Rocky Ford, CO 81067-1709

DENVER COIN CLUB

Date/Time: 4th Monday of every month. Doors open at 6:30 PM.
Place: Glendale Fire Department, 950 South Birch St.
Contact: Vince 303-369-9973, Chuck 303-341-2476

DENVER AREA WORLD NUMISMATISTS (D.A.W.N.)

Date/Time: 1st Friday of each month 7:00 PM-9:45 PM (Despite the name, the club meets in the evening, not the morning.)
Place: Bear Valley Legion Post. Just west of SW corner of Federal & Mississippi
Contact: Don 303-465-0220, Bill 303-838-4831

FORT COLLINS COIN CLUB

Date/Time: 1st Friday of each month 7:00 PM
Place: Caldwell Banker office (basement) 2900 So. College Avenue
Contact: James Oscarson 970-223-1795

FRONT RANGE COIN CLUB

Date/Time: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
Place: Moose Lodge, 2200 N. Pratt, behind Main St. K-Mart, Longmont
Contact: Harold Weers 303-772-2156

COLORADO SPRINGS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Date/Time: 2nd Sunday of each month, Meeting starts at 2:00 PM
Place: Trinity United Methodist Church, 19th & Henderson.
Contact: Ken 719-634-3313

COLORADO SPRINGS COIN CLUB

Date/Time: 4th Tuesday of each month, Doors open 7, meeting starts at 7:30
Place: Pikes Peak National Bank, 2401 W. Colorado Blvd
Contact: Allen Nye, Box 25205, Colorado Springs CO 80936

GREELEY COIN CLUB

Date/Time: 2nd Tuesday of each month, Meeting starts at 7:00 PM
Place: AIMS Community College, Student Union, 47th Ave & 20th Street
Contact: Fred Wach 970-353-1721

CHEYENNE COIN CLUB

Date/Time: 3rd Tuesday of each month. Eating from 6:00 to 7:00, Auction 7:00-8:00
Place: Pie Lady's place of business, 3705A E. Lincolnway at the Cheyenne Plaza
Contact: E.C. Brockman

SOUTH SUBURBAN COIN CLUB

Date/Time: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:45 to 8:50
Place: Koelbel Library, Holly and Orchard, Greenwood Village
Contact: Ferd 303-789-9598, Don 303-465-0220

If any of the information is wrong, or if you have any information to add, please contact the editor. We know that someone at Gates Rubber Co. was interested in starting a coin club there. If you work there and are interested, please contact us and we'll put you together.

BOOK REVIEWS

Ancient Coin Collecting by **Wayne G. Sayles**. Krause Publications, Iola, WI 1996, 198 pages, many illustrations. Hardbound with dust jacket, \$24.95.

As a dealer who buys and sells ancient coins (among others) for a living, I am always asked by people who know little or nothing about this area of numismatics: How do I get started? Well, as the late Aaron Feldman said many years ago, "Buy the book, before the coin". And now the book is here.

Sayles is a veteran author (he's co-author with Bill Spengler of Colorado Springs of two books), art historian, publisher, editor (he was founding editor of *The Celator*, now run by his son Steve and the best monthly publication on ancient coins) and vest pocket dealer in ancient coins. This book is a novice's dream come true. Sayles first gives us a short course in ancient history, along with a very useful time line, plus a short study of the various ancient cultures. He lists numerous other avenues for more information about ancient coins, such as clubs, societies, periodicals and even ancient coins on the Internet.

He advises the reader on how to buy and sell ancient coins and pitfalls to avoid and lists recommend books for the reader who wants to continue his or her study. The major section of his book deals with identifying and attributing ancient coins. Not sure what to collect? Sayles

describes all the major and many of the minor areas of ancient coins and gives the reader guidelines as to what and how to collect. He includes a good list of abbreviations, a glossary, a guide to Roman and Greek pronunciation, and bibliographies.

The illustrations and maps are interspersed throughout the book and are a helpful and useful tool in helping the novice (or even the veteran) learn more about this subject. Is the book perfect? Of course not. But it is by far the best book on the subject we have encountered. It is the one book that I can unquestionably recommend.

There are a number of minor errors that a nit-picking reviewer could find, but there are only two major problems that I have with the book. One is that there are only two pages for Biblical related coinage. Perhaps I have an axe to grind as this is my speciality, but the coins that are the basis for our Judeo-Christian heritage certainly are more than a minor area of ancient coin collecting. The two pages consists of a half page of text, a map and one page of pictures of 7 coins. He shows us two of the most famous Biblical coins, "The Shekel of Tyre" and "The Tribute Penny", but fails to mention the equally famous "Widow's Mite". Obviously this is one area Sayles falls short. Luckily, there are other books that make up for this [See below].

The other major problem, which is causing a bit of a stir in the ancient coin community, is Sayles insistence on calling Byzantine coins Romaion coins. Sayles bases his theory on the fact the Byzantine's themselves called themselves Romans and that the term Byzantine was an "18th century invention". Perhaps so, but a book meant mainly for use by beginners or as a handy desk reference is, at least for me, the wrong place to use this new and largely unaccepted term. It is use of obscure terms like this that scare the prospective collector away from the fascinating field of ancient coins.

Aside from the lack of material on Biblical coins and the unnecessary introduction of the word "Romaion", the book is a delight. It is not only the best introduction to ancient coin collecting, but should be on the desk of any collector of ancient coins for it's handy reference material, bibliographies, maps and charts. I heartily recommend it.

Guide to Biblical Coins, Third edition by **David Hendin**. Amphora, New York, 1996, 316 pages, 32 plates and many line drawings. Hardbound with dust jacket, \$60.

First of all a disclaimer is in order. David is a friend of mine and was co-instructor with me at the 1995 ANS Summer Seminar of Numismatics of the Holyland from Ancient to Modern Times. This year he was putting the finishing touches on this book, but hopefully next year we can be co-instructors again. So yes I am biased.

The 2nd edition (1987) of Hendin's book was just over 200 pages, had 16 plates and listed just over 300 coins. This book, in addition to the enlarged size, lists over 525 coins. That in itself makes it a vast improvement over the 1987 work, which I called the Bible of Biblical coins.

Hendin's book will become the most important book for the collector of Biblical coins, as his two previous works have done. The addition of 200+ coins adds greatly to our knowledge of the early coinage of The Holyland. Many of the coins that Hendin lists were pieces that were virtually unknown 30 years ago and extremely rare just 10 years ago, but the advent of sophisticated metal detectors and the lessening of tensions (at least somewhat) in the Middle East have helped make the availability of formerly rare coins easier.

His book is the first major work which lists what most experts now accept as the correct attribution of the Hasmonean coins, i.e. those coins which are commonly known as Widow's mites. Yet, as Hendin explains, there are still unanswered questions about who really issued what coins. As I repeatedly explained to my class, "Numismatics is not an exact science".

For any collector who is even mildly interested in this subject, this book is a must. Even if you don't want to collect the coins, the book, with it's line drawings and photos, is fascinating. Hendin is a superb writer (he is a literary agent by trade) and his stories about collecting Biblical Coins and his introductions to each chapter are a joy to read even if you don't care about coins. (*Not care about coins, are you kidding?*). Dealer Herb Kreindler supplied the valuations.

A couple of minor complaints. One is that there is no concordance between his new numbers and his old numbers. However I'm sure somebody will publish one. However he does use completely new numbers, so there will be no confusion as to which book one is referring to. His chart of Hebrew and Greek Alphabets & equivalents was much better in the 2nd edition than the 3rd. And the price shot up from \$35 to \$60. All are minor complaints.

Send us your review or a book for us to review for the next issue.

DUES

CWNA dues for 1997 are due and payable before the next annual meeting on January 19th, 1997. An application form is attached. Membership in the CWNA is perhaps the best bargain in numismatics. \$5 per year. Yes, you can afford it.